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## Changes Which Should be Made in Football Rules.

Age-Herald.

The Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association at its last annual meeting, held in Birmingham on Dec. 18, unanimously adopted a resolution looking toward several radical modifications of the football rules as they now exist.

A committee consisting of W. L. Dudley, of Vanderbilt; Dr. C. H. Herty, of the University of Georgia; Prof. C. H. Ross, of Auburn; M. G. Johnston, of Sewanee, and John Lombard, of Tulane, was appointed to draft a modified set of rules. This committee is to have a meeting, probably in Birmingham, sometime in March to take final action on the matter.

An advisory board of football experts was appointed to assist this committee, and suggestions will be obtained from Walter Camp and other authorities on the subject of football.

The Age-Herald sent inquiries to each member of this committee and to Prof. Wm. P. Taylor, member of the advisory board, asking, "What, in your opinion, are the most important changes that should be made in the football rules?" Their replies are printed in full below:

They are unanimous in the opinion that the "guards back" and other mass play formations are doomed, and that the way to prevent them is by requiring seven men on the line and no player in motion when the ball is snapped. All of them do not favor the rule requiring ten yards to be gained in four downs. Several other important changes are suggested.

### ABOLISH MASS PLAYS.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 8, 1898.

The football rules of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, as well as the rules of the northern and western colleges should be amended so as to abolish all mass plays. This includes the "guards back" plays and all others of this character. This, I think, could be accomplished by requiring seven men to be on the line when the ball is snapped, and no player should be allowed to start until the ball is put in motion.

I am still undecided as to the effect of requiring ten yards to be made in four downs. I fear that it would result in too many tie games with scores of nothing to nothing.

Whatever changes may be adopted, I am in favor of independent action of the association, irrespective of any course the northern colleges may pursue. However, it would be very much better to have uniform rules throughout the country, and I am endeavoring to get the co-operation of all the colleges in the north and west in the framing of the rules, but I cannot now say what success I shall meet with.

Wm. L. DUDLEY,  
Vanderbilt University.

### UNIFORM SET OF RULES.

Athens, Ga., Jan. 8, 1898.

It seems to be the unanimous opinion of all the southern colleges that some modification of the rules of football is desirable. Of course, the ideal solution of the question would be for all the colleges throughout the country to agree upon the modifications and play under a uniform set of rules. However, this is not absolutely necessary, for, with the exception of a few of the border colleges, almost all of the games played by the members of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association are confined to themselves. Consequently, there is no real reason why we should not go ahead and make such modifications as we may think best for our special needs and conditions.

In fact, I am coming rapidly to the opinion that the game of football should be different in the warm climate of the south and the colder and more invigorating climate of the north, east and middle west. During our first month of practice the weather is so warm that football uniforms are positively uncomfortable and the players loose weight instead of gaining as a result of the training. Hence our players are not prepared, physically, for the present style of play, made so vigorous and determined by the approach of the climax of the season.

Just what changes in the present rules will best accomplish this end is difficult to say at this time. Sentiment seems to favor requiring a gain of ten instead of five yards on three downs, and requiring at least six men to stay on the line before the ball is put to play. Of equal importance, however, is the matter of securing competent and fearless officials who will enforce the rules, and who should be sustained in their rulings by student bodies and spectators in general. The matter of umpiring or refereeing is as a rule a thankless task and should not be so.

The Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association has acted with decision as to changing the rules and at the same time with conservatism, for final action will not be taken until the fourth Saturday in March. In the meantime abundant opportunity will be offered all the colleges in the association to make whatever suggestions they may wish, and whatever changes are contemplated elsewhere will have been accomplished and we can have the benefit of such action in making our own rules.

To sum up, the University of Georgia is anxious to see such legislation as will remove the present premium on weight and give to the lighter and more active man equal opportunity for success as a football player.

C. H. HERTY,  
University of Georgia.

### DON'T BUCK THE CENTER.

Auburn, Ala., Jan. 8, 1898.

In my opinion, mass plays and

bucking the center—which is, in a sense, a mass play—should be abolished, as they lay too much stress on mere brute strength. Besides, they prevent the game from being open.

The distance gained in four downs should be ten yards instead of five, as now. This will tend to produce a kicking or more open game.

There should also be a more definite rule that prohibits any one from coaching a team on the field, and the umpire should have the power to give over the ball, or to give ten yards, if the offending side has not the ball, just as in the case of a foul by a player. This coaching on the field is a most flagrant nuisance, but I think a definite rule as above will tend to break it up.

The number of points given to a goal from the field, which is largely an accident, should be cut down from five to three, at the most—may be less.

C. H. ROSS,  
Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

### MODIFICATION OF FIVE YARDS.

Sewanee, Tenn., Jan. 8, 1898.

I think that the most important and beneficial change that could be made in the football rules would be a rule requiring that ten yards instead of five be gained in four downs. This would eliminate almost entirely the mass plays and bucks through the center, which, though the surest method of advancing the ball, very seldom gains as much as ten yards in four downs. This ten-yard rule would therefore necessitate the open style of play, in which kicking, running, dodging, double passes, and, in fact, all kinds of agility would be at a premium, while mere strength and brute force would be useless.

I am also in favor of a rule requiring seven men on the line when the ball is snapped. This will prevent the heavy flying interferences that have become so formidable of late, and will also prevent all other methods of mass play.

M. G. JOHNSTON,  
University of the South.

### AGAINST WEIGHT AND BRUTE FORCE.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 8, 1898.

The present outcry in the football world against weight and brute force" is all wrong. It is not a team's weight or strength that makes the mass play so rough, but it is the concentration of the force of five or six men against one man on the opposing team. Herein lies the strength of the mass play.

Not only are the mass plays uninteresting to the spectators, but the climate of the south is not invigorating enough for our players to stand these mass plays. In the north the body is hardened and the rough play does not affect their players as it does ours.

I think that the only way to break up these mass plays is to make a rule requiring seven men to be on the line and no player to

be in motion when the ball is snapped.

The proposed rule of requiring ten yards to be gained in four downs will not prevent mass plays and restore the open style of play. A team will buck the center, just as they do now, until the third down, and then kick.

I think the present method of scoring is about as equitable as it could be made.

Another most important rule that should be adopted is one giving the umpire power to remove from the game any player who is really too injured to continue playing.

The present custom of allowing men to remain in the game simply on their nerve, when they are of no use to the team and are a drag to the game, should be broken up.

The rule allowing each team only twenty minutes for the recovery of injured players and other delays, is a good one, and its success last fall shows that the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic association can take independent action on its football rules regardless of the northern colleges.

I don't think there should be any change in the rules about tackling. The man tackling and not the man tackled is usually the one injured, and no legislation can dictate how hard a man shall or shall not play.

WM. P. TAYLOR,  
Yale.

### TO REMOVE ROUGH FEATURES.

New Orleans, Jan. 8, 1898.

The abolition of mass plays and the unnecessary rough features of the game is, as I understand, the object of the proposed changes in the football rules. In order to accomplish this, I am inclined to favor a rule requiring seven men on the line at the time when the ball is put in play, and a rule requiring a ten-yard gain in four downs. But I am open to argument along any other line.

My opinion will be greatly influenced by the simplicity of the changes to be made in the rules.

JOHN E. LOMBARD,  
Tulane University.

### Forty Years Ago.

The following appeared in The Georgia University Magazine October, 1857. Although forty years have elapsed, it is still "up to date" and we see that our fathers played the same tricks that seem so heinous in the present generation.

### PARODY.

Not a dog was heard—not a barking note,  
As his corpse to Aunt Hopy's we hurried—  
Not a student but jumped the fence to the lot,  
To catch the "Turk" where he tarried.

We stole him softly at black midnight,  
The feathers our hands were wounding,  
By the quivering candles flickering light,  
And one single star a blooming.

No useless feather covered his breast,  
Nor in towel or cloth we wound him,  
But he hung like a turkey taking his

rest,  
With a spirited crowd around him.

Long and loud were the jokes we said,  
And we spoke not a word of sorrow;  
But we earnestly felt the weight of the dead,  
And impatiently thought of the morrow.

We thought as he hung by his heels to the pole,  
While two of us rapidly bore him,  
Of a savory roast refreshing our soul,  
In the future we'd marked out for him.

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### Dr. Blackwell's Lecture.

Instead of the regular lecture by one of the Faculty, on Friday evening, Jan. 14, Dr. Blackwell of Birmingham, lectured in the college chapel to a large and appreciative audience. His subject was "The Alps of Italy."

and from the very first, when in deep and well-modulated tones he pronounced the opening speech, his hearers sat spell-bound. With beautiful figures, expressed in language pure and chaste and delivered with an eloquence seldom equaled, he pointed out the bright skies and fair land of a sunny Italy, but which may be reached only over the Alps of Difficulty.

With uplifting thoughts he exhorted the young manhood before him to grander purposes and nobler ambitions and entreated them not to neglect the priceless opportunities within their grasp, but with unflagging zeal and courage to strive ever onward and upward—"each defeat a stepping stone to victory,"—until the summit of earthly fame and honor attained, the glory of a land supernal opens out before them stretching away through an eternity.

### Dance Clubs.

The different classes have organized dance clubs and are already making plans and preparations for the commencement dances. The organizations and officers are:

SENIOR CLASS GERMAN CLUB.  
J. S. Paden, president; J. B. Shivers, 2nd president and leader; F. W. Hare, secretary and treasurer.

JUNIOR CLASS COTTILLION CLUB.  
G. M. Wheeler, president; T. G. Bush, 2nd president; I. F. McDonnell, secretary and treasurer.

### SOPHOMORE DANCE CLUB.

A. T. Whiteside, president; A. H. McGehee, 2nd president; A. C. Cameron, secretary and treasurer; W. L. Anderson, leader.

### A Donation.

Mr. W. H. Negus has lately presented to the college museum a large American eagle—dead and stuffed, of course. The eagle was killed by Mr. Negus near his home in Greenville, Miss. It is said to be the largest ever seen this far south, measuring seven feet from tip to tip of wings. At present his eagleship is in the library perched near the bust of George Washington, where he will remain until the fourth of July when our patriotic eagles take a flight.



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College Y. M. C. A., Sunday 3 p. m., Y. M. C. A. Hall, College Building.

We see that Spain is endeavoring to borrow 40,000,000 dollars with which to carry on the war in Cuba. We are sorry, Alfonso, but as some of our subscribers have not yet paid up, the Orange and Blue can't accommodate you just now for we don't like to run out of change entirely.

The long, coarse blast of the dummy whistle announces that once more this great highway of steel is at the service of the public. The college boys unite with the merchants and residents in rejoicing at this happy event, as the citizens of Opelika will now take advantage of the opportunity to attend all of our base-ball games, minstrel shows, etc.

When an individual has a fault his only chance to eradicate it is to realize its evil effects. Feeling sure that the perpetrators of the

disorder during Dr. Blackwell's lecture last week, do not comprehend the great harm which they are doing their institution, we reluctantly refer to the matter, hoping that such will not occur again.

In the first place, some few of our students do not seem to realize that the lectures delivered in Chapel by members of the faculty and others, are for the entertainment and intellectual elevation of the student-body, their object being to expound knowledge in an entertaining and instructive manner. The majority of the boys appreciate these opportunities and give the speakers earnest attention, but a few take a supreme delight in demeaning themselves like the "gallery-gods" of a city theatre. By their lack of respect for their cultured entertainers, they display their want of ordinary decency, and prove conclusively their descent from the genus hoodlumicus.

If the members of the Senior class would take hold of this matter and use the authority with which they are endowed, we venture to predict that a wholesome improvement would soon be noticed.

**Dead-Eye Dick, the Detective; or the Dickens to Pay for a Dollar.**

[BY OLD SLUSH.]

The quiet shades and classical walks of Auburn have recently experienced a thrilling sensation—a new and altogether novel state of affairs. The new city administration came in with the new year, pledged to retrenchment, reform, and all those other things that politicians are want to promise, but seldom perform. They proceeded with an energy worthy of their cause. Hardly had they taken upon themselves the responsibilities of office before they began to negotiate with a real living detective to come and assist them in their determined and laudable purpose to ferret out and punish the outrageous violators of the law and disturbers of the ancient peace and dignity of the municipality of Auburn. And he came, he saw, he conquered. His appearance was not calculated to inspire the admiration which is excited in youthful minds by the heroes of the penny-dreadfuls. He was just a quiet elderly man who easily passed for an amiable, but somewhat shiftless, agent for graphophones. To those who shrewdly guessed his trade, he was a disappointment. In no respect did he measure up to the dime novel standard of a detective. Nor were his methods one whit more inspiring than his aspect. Slow and deliberate of motion and speech, he seemed dull of apprehension, and his processes in arriving at the truth were just such as the most ordinary common sense would dictate. There were no marks of detective genius upon him, and if he had appeared on the stage in the character of a detective, he would have been hooted and hissed and stormed with cabbage and stale eggs. Instead of observing the usual precautions of secrecy and mystery—of wearing false whiskers and woman's apparel—he openly bored people in the most public places with excruciating airs ground from a tin graphophone. Had he been a Sherlock Holmes, how different

would have been his procedure. He might have found a single finger print upon a dead wall that would have told to his astute mind the whole story of crime that has darkened the annals of Auburn. Every gentle zephyr that fanned his classic brow would have borne to his supersensitive nostrils a scent of his prey. Instinctively and intuitively, he knew in a flash, would have been the phrase used to describe his performances. But alas! what an iconoclast he proved. How he dashed to pieces the images of detectives we had enthroned in our hearts! He attained his ends, to be sure. He filled the Opelika jail with some of Auburn's best known citizens. He collected abundant proof to convict. He pocketed his fee and went his way. Nothing brilliant. Nothing striking. Nothing to set the minds of ambitious young men agog after the life of a detective. No blood-curdling adventures. No thrilling exploits to furnish inexhaustible topics of conversation in college dens. Alas! Alas! The whole thing was just business. Oh, it was too tame for anything.

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During 1896 the gifts of American rich men for colleges and benevolent purposes amounted to \$27,000,000.

After receiving the Stanford estate, Stanford University will have an income three times as great as that of Harvard, the richest American university.

The University of Georgia has set apart Thanksgiving Day as Field Day.

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Mr. Hubert Drennen '94 spent Sunday with his many friends in Auburn. He is on his way home from a month's vacation in Florida.

Mr. Wade H. Negus '97, paid us a flying visit last week. While in the oil business in Greenville, Miss. He spent several days in Montgomery on important business.

Hot chocolate, Hot coca, and coca cola at Jackson's.

A certain Freshman wants to know the object in holding a "wake" over a fellow after he is awake.

Miss Willie Stanton of College Park, visited her friend Miss Mary Drake last week.

Jackson has plenty of all kinds of drinks left, in spite of the voting contest.

The editorial staff has been increased by the addition of Mr. A. C. Vandiver of the Senior class. Mr. Vandiver has already done good work for us and will continue to do so in the future.

Pipes—all kinds of new ones and tobacco to burn in them at Jackson's.

The many friends of Mrs. A. F. McKissick were delighted by her return last week from a long visit of six months to her father's family in South Carolina.

All kinds of chewing gum, fresh at Jackson's.

The meeting of the Conversation Club at Dr. Brown's for Jan. 25th has been postponed until February 1st, which time Prof. Thach will read on Romola.

Sparrow's candy in one half, one, and two pound boxes at Jackson's.

Mr. Champe S. Andrews '94, stopped over last Saturday, with his many friends in Auburn. At present he is practicing law in Chattanooga.

Mr. W. L. Stewart, '98, resigned college last week, and left for his home in Montgomery. We are sorry to lose "Willie" and hope him success in his work.

Tenny's candies—one and two pound boxes—just received at Kandy Kitchen.

Cadet F. G. Morris was appointed Lieutenant in the corps of cadets last Thursday.

Boys, notice our advertising columns, and patronize those who patronize you.

Quite an enjoyable dance was given in Thomas Hall, last Friday night. It was an informal affair, gotten up on the spur of the moment.

Fresh cakes at Kandy Kitchen. New line of canned goods at Jackson's.

From the Engineering News of late date we learn that Robert C. Fenton who was in college last session taking the Civil Engineering course, has been elected city engineer of Williamstown, Conn.

Since our last issue the following students have been initiated into the Greek Letter Fraternities:

PHI DELTA THETA,—P. T. Reid, Marion, Ala.; L. K. Simmons, Demopolis, Ala.; H. M. Copeland, Troy, Ala.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON,—M. H. Moore, Montgomery, Ala.; O. B. Andrews, Chattanooga, Tenn.; V. B. Whiteside, Chattanooga, Tenn.

SIGMA NU,—J. A. Allen, Birmingham, Ala.

PI KAPPA ALPHA,—J. R. Glenn, Auburn, Ala.

## Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Mr. Buel, state secretary for Alabama and Mississippi, will be with us in a few days. We are expecting him to give us a renewed start in the right direction.

Prof. Smith will make a talk to the association Sunday the 30th. We hope to have a room full of boys that day.

I guess it is well enough to tell something a little amusing in our column once and a while. One beautiful evening as I was walking leisurely down one of Auburn's pretty streets I recognized the cheerful voice of a Y. M. C. A. man—one that is true and tried. When I came nearer I looked over into a yard and recognized him, but now he had changed into a very earnest attitude and was talking in a low voice to a young lady who was plucking a flower. As I passed on I heard the young lady exclaim in surprise: Why Mr. S.—are you old enough to get married?

February 13th, 1898, will be a day that will mark an epoch in the colleges of the world. On that day the devout students, upon every continent and the islands of the ocean, will pray for God's blessings upon themselves and their fellow students. Never before has there been such a united prayer. The consecrated young manhood of every nation upon their knees will shake the universe from centre to circumference. Under the banner of God an army greater than ever Napoleon led is advancing. The powers of darkness must give way and victory perch upon our banner even if all the angels of heaven must enlist in our cause. This will be a great day. The cry will be heard by our King. The death knell of sin will begin to sound. When two or three are gathered together in my name, then am I in the midst of them. What will He do when the coming manhood of the world is united in His name?

### A Pleasant Occasion.

Saturday evening at 7 o'clock the Senior Electrical Engineering Course, by special invitation, met at the residence of Prof. A. F. McKissick to enjoy the hospitality of the professor and his charming wife.

Soon after those who are "always late" had arrived, the pleasant conversation was stopped and the party retired to the dining room, where they enjoyed an elegant supper spread by Mrs. McKissick.

After supper the jolly party seated themselves around the phonograph. Mr. Smith seemed perfectly charmed with "Sweet Marie" so it was played several times for his benefit.

Having been highly entertained for about four short hours each of the party was presented with a bouquet of beautiful violets by Mrs. McKissick. Then the happy party took their leave, having been convinced more firmly than ever that the electrical course is the only course in college, with the only professor at the head of it, and he has the finest wife alive.

### A MEMBER OF THE CLUB.

In all the Universities of France there are no Glee Club Fraternities, no Athletics, and no Commencement exercises.

## The Conversation Club.

The last meeting of the club was held at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Wills on the evening of Jan. 11. This meeting is remembered with pleasure by all present, not only for the excellence of Dr. Petrie's paper, but for the unusually good musical program that was rendered. The two instrumental selections rendered by Miss Mary Casey and Messrs. Fuller and Boyd, were greatly enjoyed. Miss Mary Drake, Auburn's talented pianist, delighted her hearers with an exquisite rendition of one of Chopin's master pieces.

Dr. Petrie's paper on "Shakespeare as a Historian," was splendid from both a literary and critical point of view. It was very analytical in character and showed deep research by the writer.

After considerable discussion on disputed points the meeting adjourned.

### Class Day.

The senior class has elected all officers for the class day, February 22nd, and all are hard at work to make their exercises equal those of last year, which were unusually good. The officers are:

President, F. W. Hare; historian, A. H. Clark; prophet, A. C. Vandiver; orator, G. O. Dickey; poet, Miss Julia Moore.

### Baseball.

Work is being pushed on the diamond and before the season opens it will be in a fine condition.

Quite a nice little sum was realized from the voting contest last Saturday, which goes along ways towards paying for the diamond and uniforming the team.

The class games will commence on Feb. 22nd, when the seniors play the juniors.

The sophomores play the freshmen the following Saturday, and the winners play the next Saturday.

The different classes held meetings during the past week and elected the following men as managers and captains of their respective teams:

Senior—G. O. Dickey, manager; H. J. Pettus, captain.

Junior—B. E. Brown, manager; J. R. Peabody, captain.

Sophomore—R. E. Foy, manager; W. L. Anderson, captain.

Freshmen—H. E. Skeggs, manager; M. S. Sloan, captain.

### College News.

The registration of Harvard College is this year 1841, an increase of 6.2 per cent. over last year. The number of students in the Lawrence Scientific School is 409, an increase of 9.5 per cent.

Thirty scholarships have been established in the department of philosophy in the University of Pennsylvania ten of which will be available this year, twenty next, and the whole number the following year.

A life size portrait of Prof. Basil L. Gilderslave has been hung in McCoy Hall at John Hopkins University. The portrait was presented by Dr. Gilderslave's students on his sixty-fifth birthday.

Oxford University has a freshman class of 725 this year, of these 300 came from the great public schools, Eton leading with 48, the rest come from small schools. Several come from the United States.

There are 5,921 students enrolled at the University of Berlin, 500 of

whom are foreign students, nearly 100 are from the United States.

The Tennessee School and College Association held its annual meeting at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., on Dec. 23, 1897. The items of greatest interest were the president's addresses and the discussion of the "Cornell Idea as to Degrees."

The president chancellor J. H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University, gave an able paper on the "Relation of the State to Higher Education." The other discussion was led by Prof. Hinds of Cumberland University, followed by Prof. Vance of the University of Nashville. Prof. Hinds was elected president for the coming year.

Pennsylvania has raised half of the \$600,000 necessary to build their new club house and gymnasium.

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**Voting Contest.**  
Our hustling baseball manager, Mr. E. B. Joseph, hit upon a clever scheme by which to raise money to uniform his team and put the diamond in condition.  
Through the kindness of Mr. W. C. Jackson, the genial proprietor of the Kandy Kitchen, Manager Joseph instituted a voting contest on Saturday Jan. 15th, in which every cup of hot chocolate purchased entitled one to a vote for Auburn's most popular young lady.  
During the morning and afternoon voting was very slow, though from the looks of those assembled in the Kandy Kitchen during the evening, one could see that "Something was in the air." Every fellow kept an eye on the bulletins as they were published, each seemingly anxious concerning his favorite. Permission had been granted the cadets to be on the streets until after the polls were closed. So after supper Jackson's was full to overflowing, excitement of the

wildest order prevailed, and to those present it seemed to be a case of "toss up" as to who would win.  
Here and there at all times during the evening could be seen groups of boys in excited consultation; next could be heard the jingle of coins, then one would leave the crowd, go to the polls and register the contents of his pockets in votes. The same proceedings would come from another corner of the store, and again from another. Bulletins were published each hour and each publication the same process of consultation continued. After the last bulletin the groups became fewer, while those remaining became larger in numbers. Things had reached the highest pitch of excitement, for now the contest had narrowed down to two young ladies. The boys were put on their metal, since the result would register not only success or defeat, but would also show up their financial nerve. When the clock struck nine the polls were closed. And as a result the beautiful souvenir spoon that was offered goes to Miss Kate Lane, who received 1140 votes winning by a handsome majority.  
Seventy-five dollars was realized from the scheme. This sum will materially in the course of a season. In behalf of the management, we extend to Mr. Jackson thanks for his kindness to the boys thanks for their liberality; and to the young ladies of Auburn we bow in gratitude to their popularity.  
**Cadet Minstrel.**  
The above named troupe has recently been reorganized and proposes presenting to the public, on Friday evening Feb. 11th, by far the most original and laughable entertainment ever witnessed in Auburn. This will be a benefit entertainment, the entire proceeds going to the football debt. In reorganizing the troupe the manager is delighted to announce that so far as material goes he is greatly encouraged, and then too, the willingness on the part of the boys to give all possible assistance is indeed gratifying to him as it assures success to begin with.  
Now this entertainment, as it was last year, will be strictly an Ethiopian performance, consisting of end news, jokes and dialogues, burlesques, comic dramas, songs, dances, etc. In fact those who attend are guaranteed two hours of laughter.  
At the last entertainment of this troupe the Opelika people turned out in numbers. Special arrangements will be made with the Opelika and Auburn Dummy line to accommodate the crowd, and we hope to again have a large crowd from Opelika.  
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**Program of Conversation Club.**  
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March 22—Seats of the Mighty—Mr. C. L. Hare.  
April 5—Hall, Cain—Dr. C. A. Cary.  
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